(*b*) if so, the rate at which it was purchased ;

(*c*) the Numbor of tonnes of sugar purchased that is with the Government at present ?

**Sri B. VITTALDAS SHETTY** (Minister of State for Food and Civil Supplies).—

(*a*) Yes, from the sugar months of December 1967 –January 1968, actual purchase commencing only from 1968.

(*b*) At Rs. 400 per quintal Ex-factory.

(*c*) Nil.

## Closure of Departments of M. I. S. L.

205. **Sri ABDUAL KHUDDUS ANWAR** (Bhadravati).—

Will the Minister for Industries, Information and Publicity be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of departments closed down in Mysore Iron and Steel Limited, Bhadravathi Since 1962 ;

(*b*) whate happened to the staff working in thoše dapartments ?

**Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY** (Minister for Industries Information and Publicity).—

(*a*) Four.

(*b*) They were transferred to the newsteel plant, alloy and specia steel plant and some of the existing departments against vacancies.

## Joint Farming Societies

220. **Sri N. G. HALAPPA** (Channagiri).—

Will the Minister for Development be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the amount of loan advanced to the Joint Farming Socities in the State till 31st July 1968 ;

(*b*) the amount due for recovery and the amount recovered so far ;

(*c*) how the loan was utilised in improving the Food position in the state ;

(*d*) whether the Government has taken any security from these societies for the loan advanced and whether the security taken is adequate ;

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(*e*) whether the Government collected any foodgrains in the form of levy from such societies, if so, the quantites collected ;

(*f*) whether a good money of these societies are bogus societies ?

SRI P. M. NADGOUDA (Minister for Development).—

| | | Rs. | Ps. |
|---|---|---|---|
| (*a*) Total amount of loans advanced | ... | 44,19,550 | 00 |
| (*b*) Amount due for recovery | ... | 9,72,097 | 13 |
| Amount recovered so far | ... | 2,91,688 | 06 |
| (*c*) Land improvement | ... | 12,62,693 | 00 |
| Sinking of well | ... | 4,47,094 | 00 |
| Pumpsets | ... | 3,26,189 | 00 |
| Seeds and Fertilisers | ... | 5,04,226 | 00 |
| Area cultivated | ... | 23,614 | acres |
| Value of Food Production such as Ragi, Jowar, Paddy and Wheat; etc. | | Rs. 26,78,250 | |

(*d*) Adequate security has been taken. Charges have been created on the floating assets of the societies and on the lands pooled.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| (*e*) Number of societies | ... | 20 |
| Kind and Quantity | | |
| Jowar | ... | 105·00 Qtls. |
| Paddy | ... | 312·51 Qtls. |
| Wheat | ... | 500·00 Qtls. |

(*f*) No.

## Famine Relief Works

251. SRI H. PUTTADASA (Kanakapura).—

Will the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether Famine Relief works would be continued in the State :—

(*b*) if so, the items of works contemplated to be continued ;

(*c*) whether the construction of new Minor tanks and restoration of old ones would be among the relief works to be continued ?

SRI H. V. KOUJALGI (Minister for Revenue).—

(*a*) Generally no fresh works will be taken but funds permitting, works in progress will be brought to a safe stage with minimum outlay.

(*b*) and (*c*) Please see reply to clause (*a*).